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SUBJECT:NASA FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF CIAP AND PROJECT
AIRSTREAM

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1. NEXT SERIES OF FLIGHTS BY NASA WB-57F AIRCRAFT IN
SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S CLIMATIC
IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (CIAP) AND ENERGY RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S (ERDA) PROJECT AIRSTREAM NOW
SCHEDULED FOR MID-APRIL. FLIGHTS PART OF CONTINUING
SUPPORT PROGRAM DESCRIBED REFS A AND B.

2. AIRCRAFT IS USAF OWNED WB-57F AIRCRAFT CARRYING
NASA TAIL STRIPE. CALL NUMBER NASA 928.

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3. INSTRUMENTATION ON BOARD INCLUDES NITROUS OXIDE DETECTOR, OZONE MONITOR, INFRARED SPECTROMETER, PARTICULATE SAMPLE, UV SPECTROPHOTOMETER, AND AN AITKEN NUCLEAR DETECTOR.

4. AIRCRAFT IS NOT REPEAT NOT CONFIGURED WITH CAMERAS OR OTHER DOWNWARD LOOKING SENSORS.

5. AIRCRAFT WILL STAGE FROM HOWARD AFB, CZ AND WILL BE OPERATED AND MAINTAINED EXCLUSIVELY BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. APPROXIMATELY 22 SUPPORT PERSONNEL PLUS EQUIPMENT WILL BE FLOWN TO HOWARD ON ERDA CONTRACT C-54 TRANSPORT.

6. PLANS CALL FOR AIRCRAFT TO ARRIVE HOWARD APRIL 15, 1975 FROM ELLINGTON AFB, TEXAS COLLECTING AIR SAMPLES ENROUTE OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

7. FIVE FLIGHTS WILL THEN BE FLOWN FROM HOWARD BETWEEN APRIL 16 AND 20. THREE WILL FLY NORTH OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS RETURNING TO HOWARD, AND TWO SOUTH.

8. FLIGHTS SOUTH WILL OVERFLY ECUADOR AND PERU CONTINUE TO APPROXIMATELY 10 DEGREES SOUTH LATITUDE AND RETURN TO HOWARD VIA SAME TRACK OVER PERU AND ECUADOR. FLIGHT ALTITUDE WILL RANGE BETWEEN 50 AND 63 THOUSAND FEET.

9. AIRCRAFT WILL RETURN TO ELLINGTON ON OR ABOUT APRIL 21 OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS COLLECTING DATA ENROUTE.

10. PROGRAMS ARE UNCLASSIFIED AND RESULTS ARE PUBLISHED IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS.

11. ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE SUPPORT, FUEL, ETC. WILL BE PROVIDED BY PILOT VIA NORMAL USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE PROCEDURES. PILOT WILL, OF COURSE, ALSO FILE NORMAL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS.

12. REQUEST EMBASSIES INFORM APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCES PLUS OR MINUS 72 HOURS.
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